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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE BRITISH ELECTIONS.

Complete Rout of Asquithians, Pacifists and Women.

FACTORS WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO COALITION TRIUMPH.

London, December 29.
Up to midnight 706 were returned including 73 Sinn Feiners. The result at Kennington will be announced on January 3rd. That the Coalition would be victorious was a foregone conclusion, but it was not anticipated that Mr. Lloyd George would obtain a majority, in the proportion of almost 5 to 1, nor such a complete rout of the Asquithians, Pacifists and women candidates. Not merely was no Coalitionist Minister defeated, but they were mostly re-elected by extraordinary majorities, figures like 10,000 being quite common. On the contrary, the Pacifists were ignominiously defeated, while the Labourites fared badly. They were expected to secure at least 100 seats and, though their actual representation was larger than in the old Parliament, those returned were generally distinguished for the soundness of their views on the War.

The Coalition officials claim that the two principal factors which contributed to their triumph were the votes of the women and soldiers. The former made the majority secure and the soldiers' vote, according to one official, came late as a tidal wave in favour of Lloyd George. Even the Prime Minister expressed surprise, coming from the Mansion House after lunch with President Wilson in Downing Street, at the sweeping victories and the colossal majorities.

HOW FRENCH INTERPRET PREMIER'S SUCCESS.

Paris, December 29.
All the French newspapers are greatly satisfied with the British election results and consider that Mr. Lloyd George has triumphed on the basis of peace, which will impose on Germany reparation and penalties, and also of the social economic programme providing for the development of Great Britain's natural wealth, and the amelioration of Labour's lot.

REPORTED OFFER OF SEAT TO MR. ASQUITH.

London, December 29.
The only district faithful to the Asquithians is Derbyshire, which returned 4 for 8 seats.

There is much curiosity in the clubs whether anyone will give up his seat to Mr. Asquith. It is understood that one successful follower wired his last evening offering him his seat.

NEW GOVERNMENT ON ITS TRIAL.

London, December 29.
The net result of the Election was summed up by the Sunday papers as a personal triumph for Mr. Lloyd George and the disappearance of two great parties, the Liberals and the Irish Nationalists. The newspapers, without exception, emphasise that the Election was not merely a great triumph but a great opportunity for Mr. Lloyd George. They point out that the country, having been in the war, means to win peace not merely by imposing stern justice on the enemies but by insisting that a vast programme of social reform should be carried out and declare that the Government's chances are on their trial. If they fail to satisfy the country, which is impatient of politics as hitherto played, a painful reckoning awaits them at the next Election, which may be sooner than is now apparent. In this connection it is pointed out that Labour largely voted for Coalition in expectation that a policy agreeable to Labour will be pursued.

HOUSE OF COMMONS STILL EXCLUSIVELY MALE.

London, December 29.
As a Sinn Feiner the Countess of Markievicz was the only woman elected and, as Sinn Feiners, who emerge from the Election as the third strongest party refuse to sit at Westminster, the House of Commons remains exclusively male. Miss Christabel Pankhurst, the nearest election of women, being defeated by a narrow majority by a Labourite. The other women, including some foremost in women's movement, were decisively rejected. At least two, Mrs. Strachey and Mrs. How Martyn, must forfeit the deposit of £150, which is the penalty the New Franchise Act imposes on every candidate who fails to obtain one-eighth of the vote at the poll. This penalty they share with over a hundred candidates, for a remarkable feature of the election is the frequency of enormous majorities. The Lt. Hon. McKennon Messers. Wood, W.M.R. Pringle and Austin Harrison are notable among those thus penalised. Miss Murray, the only woman candidate in Scotland, has also forfeited her deposit.

THE POSITION ON SATURDAY.

London, December 28.
At 8.45 this evening, with only two results still to come, the following is the position:—
Coalition Unionists 334.
Liberals 127.
Labour 10.
Non-Coalitionists and Asquithians 37.
Unionists 48.
Labourites 66.
Women 1.
Nationalists 7.
Sinn Feiners 71, including one woman counted above.
Others 5.
This means the Coalition have a majority of over 300.

INDEPENDENT UNIONISTS IN COALITION FOLD.

London, December 29.
It pointed out that the Coalition majority of over 300 means the inclusion of 48 Independent Unionists.

A MIGHTY FALL FOR LIBERALS.

London, December 29.
It is difficult to compare the results with the 1910 Election owing to the numerous re-arrangement of the Constituencies, but a comparison of the County areas shows that London was solid for the Coalition, only three Independent Liberals being returned and two Labourites elected by the Coalitionists.

The results in Lancashire and Yorkshire were equally astonishing. The former's 66 members do not include a single Independent Unionist, while only one Independent Liberal secured a place in Yorkshire's 66 representatives, of whom 46 are Coalitionists. This is a surprising feature, namely, that the Coalition, and not the Labour Party, gained most from the losses of the Independent Liberals. Even in Scotland the Liberals returned can be counted on the fingers of one hand.

The whole of the twelve divisions of Birmingham returned Coalitionists, the only woman candidate for the City being Mrs. Bottom. The Poll here, as elsewhere, was mostly spoilt by ballot fraud by soldiers, who wrote across them remarks like "Send us home and we will vote," "demobilisation first, election afterwards," and "we have no information about candidates."

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE BRITISH ELECTIONS.

FURTHER INTERESTING RESULTS.

London, December 28.

EAST HAM SOUTH.	
Mr. Edwards (Coalition Liberal)	7,661.
Rt. Hon. Arthur Henderson (Labour)	5,024.
WALTHAMSTOW EAST.	
Mr. Johnson (Coalition Unionist)	9,992.
Rt. Hon. Sir John Simon (Liberal)	5,781.
[Sir John Simon had been M. P. for this Division since 1905.]	
WESTMINSTER (ST. GEORGE'S).	
Rt. Hon. W. H. Long (Coalition Unionist)	10,453.
Mr. Bell (Liberal)	1,140.
SOUTH TOTTENHAM.	
Major P. Malone (Coalition Unionist)	6,632.
Sir Leo Chiozza Money (Labour)	5,579.
Mr. Harvey (Coalition Labour)	1,916.
Mr. Jay (Discharged Soldiers candidate)	1,295.
BASINGSTOKE.	
Sir Auckland Geddes (Coalition Unionist), President of the Local Government Board	11,218.
Mr. Close (Labour)	6,227.
BERWICK AND HADDINGTON.	
Mr. J. Hope (Coalition Liberal)	8,584.
Mr. Foulis (Labour)	4,783.
Mr. H. Tennant (Liberal)	2,557.
[Mr. Hope has been returned again.]	
ATTERCLIFFE.	
Mr. T. Casey (Liberal)	12,300.
Mr. W. Anderson (Labour)	6,539.
HYTHE.	
Sir G. Sassoon (Coalition Unionist)	8,809.
Mr. Forsyth (Labour)	3,427.
KENT (SEVENOAKS).	
Mr. Bennett	10,650.
Mr. Skinner	3,323.
SOUTH PORTSMOUTH.	
Mr. Gayler	15,842.
Mr. Garland	4,283.
Mr. Lacey	3,070.

INTERESTING ANALYSIS OF POLLING.

London, December 29.
An analysis of the polling shows that London and Scotland polled less than half the total of the electorate, the English borough counties little more than half, and Wales just half.

IN ENGLAND AND WALES.

The following is the analysis of the votes polled in England and Wales:—
Coalition Unionists 3,483,000.
Liberals 1,372,390.
Labourites 172,985.
Non-Coalition Liberals 1,300,600.
Labourites 2,227,100.
Unionists 323,200.
Independents 469,700.

Of the 193 members elected for the other English Boroughs 149 are supporters of the Government, comprising 106 Unionists, 36 Liberals and 7 Labourites. The remainder are 16 Unionists, 3 Liberals, 20 Labourites, 4 Independents and 1 Irish Nationalist.

In the English Counties are 191 Coalition members out of a total of 230 seats, the Unionists again forming a large majority with 149 compared with 40 Liberals and 2 Labourites. The unpledged Liberals (number 12, the unpledged Unionists 2, the Liberals 22, and the Independents 3).

IN IRISH COUNTIES AND BOROUGHES.

In the Irish Boroughs, 8 Unionists, 2 Nationalists and 11 Sinn Feiners have been returned, while the Counties are represented by 15 Unionists, 4 Nationalists and 61 Sinn Feiners. The proceedings in connection with the declaration of the poll were orderly throughout Ireland.

TYPICAL IRISH RESULTS.

London, December 28.
While the Sinn Feiners have almost completely routed the Nationalists in Ireland, they have not made much impression on Ulster. The following are some typical Irish results:—

WEST MEATH.

Mr. G. Ginnell (Sinn Feiner)	12,435.
Mr. Wynne (Nationalist)	3,458.
Sir W. R. Nugent (Nationalist)	603.
[Mr. G. Ginnell was returned unopposed in the last Election.]	
LONDONDERRY SOUTH.	
Mr. S. Henry (Unionist)	8,942.
Mr. Conway (Nationalist)	3,981.
Mr. Walsh (Sinn Feiner)	3,425.
[Mr. Henry retains his seat.]	
LONDONDERRY CITY.	
Mr. John Mac Neill (Sinn Fein)	72,335.
Sir Anderson (Coalition Unionist)	7,020.
Mr. Davey (Nationalist)	120.
[Sir J. B. Dougherty goes out.]	
SOUTH TIPPERARY.	
Mr. Moloney (Sinn Feiner)	8,744.
Mr. J. Cullinan (Nationalist)	2,701.
[The latter held the seat unopposed.]	
BELFAST.	
Mr. Duncairn Carson	11,637.
Mr. Davey (Liberal)	2,449.
Mr. McNabb (Sinn Feiner)	271.

THE LAST OF THE IRISH NATIONALISTS.

London, December 29.
For nine Belfast seats, 7 Unionists, two Labour Unionists and one Nationalist have been returned. Only the following remain of the Nationalists:—Messrs. J. Devlin, T. P. O'Connor, Captain Redmond, Messrs. P. Donnelly, P. O'Doherty, E. J. Kelly, J. Macveagh and T. Harbison.

The other Ulster constituencies returned 23 Unionists, 8 Sinn Feiners and 7 Nationalists.

IGNOMINIOUS THRASHING OF THE PACIFISTS.

London, December 28.
Mr. C. P. Trevelyan has shared the fate of other Pacifists. He has only polled 1,286 out of 22,000, divided between the Coalition Unionists who have won the seat and the Liberal Labour candidates. The well-known Labourite, Mr. F. W. Jowett, also suffered defeat at Bradford East, being beaten by the Coalition Labourite, Captain C. Rosell, by 65 votes.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE BRITISH ELECTIONS.

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Mr. Maxton (Labour)	7,860.
Miss E. Murray (Independent)	991.
Mr. Scott retains this seat.	
SMETHWICK.	
Mr. Davison (Labour)	9,389.
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MIDDLESEX (HENDON).	
Major Grome (Coalition Unionist)	14,431.
Mr. Bailey (Labour)	3,159.
Mrs. How Martyn (Independent)	3,087.
BELFAST (VICTORIA).	
Mr. Donald (Unionist)	9,309.
Mr. Waugh (Labour)	3,469.
Miss W. Carney (Sinn Fein)	395.
DUBLIN ST. (PATRICK'S).	
Countess Marievici (Sinn Feiner)	7,835.
Mr. W. Field (Nationalist)	3,752.
Mr. Kelley (Independent)	312.

The Countess of Marievici was the only woman elected.

LIBERAL DEFEAT DUE TO ELECTORAL STRATEGY.
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Mr. J. R. Clynes in a statement said his election tour to centres of industry convinced him that the Labour candidates arouse great enthusiasm. The Election proved that Labour was a living force which will not merely be a lever for Parliament to secure reforms but a safety valve for guarding the country against dangerous explosions.

Mr. Robert Donald, ex-editor of the *Daily Chronicle*, in a statement said the Liberals were victims of electoral strategy, but the Prime Minister was now a Junior partner in the Coalition firm. Sir F. E. Smith said it is the business of the leaders to begin forthwith to weld the great Majority into a new homogeneous National Party able to confront the vast problems awaiting solution.

The Rt. Hon. Edwin Samuel Montagu, Secretary of State for India, said the results shows that the country wants a just and lasting peace, the speedy return of soldiers and sailors to civil life, the end of militarism in all countries, a generous reward to secure a future for the fighters, a fearless democratic policy and the restoration of domestic freedom.

FREE TRADE V. PREFERENTIAL TARIFF.

Paris, December 30.
The British elections have excited enormous interest in France. The results have been hailed as an augury of a strong and just peace. The defeat of Mr. Asquith is regarded as a punishment for his faintheartedness. Mr. Henderson wished to lead the Allies to the Stockholm trap. The old Liberal Party disappears with the doctrine of Free Trade. Manchester has been beaten by Birmingham. The women electors were not reactionary but anti-Pacifist. The result of the Elections was the happiest event since the signature of the Armistice.

The *Temps* concludes that "Under the influence of the British elections, we shall have a better peace." *Havas*.

CONSTITUTION OF NEW PARLIAMENT.

London, December 29.
An analysis of the final returns, except one, gives the composition of the new House of Commons as follows:—

Coalition Unionists	334.
Coalition Liberals	133.
Coalition Labourites	10.
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Liberals	28.
Labour	62.
Independents (comprising two members of National party, one Socialist, one Co-Operative, one Discharged Sailors and Soldiers representative and four unclassified)	9.
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A close study of the figures emphasises the Coalition's pronounced success in every group of constituencies in Britain. Of fifty-three out of sixty-one seats which Government won in London Boroughs, Unionists got forty-two and Liberals eleven. Other London representatives are two nonpledged Unionists: Sir Norton Griffiths, Central Wandsworth; Mr. J. Hopkins, south-east St. Pancras and three Liberals and two Labourites neither of whom were opposed by Coalitionists and one Independent Mr. Bottomley.

In Wales 20 Coalitionists were returned out of 35 seats, the others being 10 Labourites, three unpledged Unionists and two unpledged Liberals.

The Scottish Boroughs returned, 23 Government supporters, namely 15 Unionists and eight Liberals, the remaining members being five unpledged Liberals and five Labourites. In the Scottish Counties, 13 Unionists and 17 Liberals were elected under the Coalition banner, the others being two unpledged Unionists, three unpledged Liberals and three Labourites.

THE LABOUR SUCCESSES.

London, December 29.
The Labour successes were mostly in Lancashire, Yorkshire and the Midlands. They won the following seats:—Ormskirk, Mr. J. Bell; Leeds, Mr. W. Bromfield; Morpeth, Mr. J. Cairns; Clitheroe, Mr. A. Davies; Smithwick, Mr. W. Davison; Bedwellty, Mr. J. C. Edwards; Rother Valley, Mr. T. Grundy; Hemsworth, Mr. J. Guest; West Nottingham, Mr. A. Hayday; Burnley, Mr. Dan Irving; West Ham Mr. J. Jones; Rothwell, Mr. W. Lunn; Wigan, Mr. J. Parkinson; West Bromwich, Mr. F. Roberts; Aberdeen City, Mr. F. Rose; Holland with Boston, Mr. W. Royce; St. Helens, Mr. J. Saxon; Preston, Mr. T. Shaw; Wednesbury, Mr. A. Short; Kingswinford, Mr. Stith; Wellington, Mr. W. R. Smith; Nelson and Colne, Captain A. Smith; Anglesea, General Sir Owen Thomas; Kettering, Mr. A. Waterson; Newton, Mr. R. Young; Edinburgh Central, Mr. W. Graham; Wentworth (Yorkshire), Mr. G. Hirst; Houghton-le-Spring, Mr. E. Richardson; Carnhill, Mr. A. Onions; Govan, Mr. N. McDean; Forest of Dean, Mr. J. Wignall; Broxtop, Mr. G. Spencer.

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SCAPA FLOW.

LIFTING THE VEIL.

After many a long month, says a writer in the *Malay Mail*, the Admiralty has given us permission to speak of Scapa Flow, the Grand Fleet Base of more than four years of war. Many of us knew from the outbreak of hostilities where the Grand Fleet lay; others again may have recognised it from the often times very realistic descriptions given from time to time by cautious newspaper correspondents.

Perhaps the most interesting feature about Scapa Flow is its name. Like almost all Orkney nomenclature it is of Norse derivation. The original name was Skapae voe, which translated means Ship isthmus Inlet, and it was on the sandy shores at the head of the Flow that the Norse hauled their galleys for the winter months. Orkney in those days was a Norwegian dependency, and it was in Scapa Flow that the Norse Fleets assembled, and on Scapa Flow that their raids on the coasts of England, Scotland and Ireland were based. Thus we see that Scapa Flow is a Norse held sea.

Scapa Flow figures again in the Napoleonic Wars, not indeed as a base, but as a rendezvous for merchantmen waiting convey across the Atlantic. Actually it was Longhope, an arm of the Flow, which cuts the Island of Hoy nearly in two, that was used for this purpose as Scapa Flow was too exposed for sailing ships. It may also be mentioned that it was from the heights above Longhope that Lady Franklin is said to have seen the last of her husband's ship. Longhope is rather a shallow sheet of water, but has been extensively used as a base for destroyers and other light craft during the war.

Although the Channel and Orkney Fleets frequently visited Orkney it was not until 1906, I think, that Scapa Flow was considered as a possible Fleet Base, and I think I am right in saying that it was in 1908 that a complete modern Fleet under the command of Admiral Sir Berkeley Milne entered Scapa Flow for the first time. Since then Scapa Flow has been the apple of the Admiralty eye. During the past six years many gunboats were about, and the shore batteries of the Islands were known by experience that the Navy were good payers, were ready indeed to oblige schemes of improved accommodation, flying decks and the like. However, brought forth nothing, and it was in 1911 that the Admiralty decided to build a new base in which the Navy's fleet was to be housed. The new base was built on the site of the old base, and the new base was built on the site of the old base.

It was in the first three months of the war that Germany misused the opportunity, and we do not know for certain how many submarines she had, but Scapa Flow lay open, and she should have certainly have taken every available submarine into the Flow under orders not to return until the last shot was fired. It was believed at the time that some U-boats got in and the Grand Fleet was more than once threatened by submarines.

It was a charmed Orkney that I visited in July 1915. Across the mouths of all entrances stretched the boom defences, fleets strung from steam drifter just to steam drifter as the herring fisherman buys his net. At each gate lurked a destroyer, or a cruiser. Outside the boom, Holm and Hoy Sounds were thick with sunken ships. Sound—the main entrance—had a ship to its credit, a passenger liner, enough to take a destroyer being left. It was

strange sight to see the rusty bows of an old tramp towering above the coast road at a place which we used to consider a likely one in which to pick up a sea trout in season.

Of the Fleet itself one saw little but a blur of masts and smoke eight miles away under the towering hills of Hoy, neither did I have the good fortune to see the Fleet going out. But the air was continually alive with the respirations of practice gun fire, patrol destroyers kept ceaselessly up and down the Sound, and the far horizons were plumed with the smoke of the drifter patrol on their morning beat.

There is probably no such base in the world, 120 square miles of land-locked water, deep, but not too deep for sailing ships, free of currents, despite the heavy tides, streams that spent through the entrance and race along the outer rocky coasts. These three are indeed no mean natural defences. "None but those who have landed ships in these waters" know how completely the tidal rips can take charge. This and the high commanding batteries, and an unknown number of mine pockets in the waters, make navigation impossible for enemy ships of the line and a perilous undertaking for a fleet of submarines.

It is from Scapa Flow that Admiral Jellicoe has taken his fleet, and indeed he has left his mark on other Islands. Jellicoe has been on the island, and he has been on the island, and he has been on the island.

The American Red Cross will send a special mission to Siberia to investigate the conditions there for the War Councils. Mr. J. W. Simmons, of St. Louis, will head the mission.

TOMMY THE "SCROUNGER."

THE ENTENTE LEXICON.

One of the most expressive and comprehensive words in Tommy's Entente Lexicon—yet confined in an exhaustive form, is the very "to scrounge" with its variants, "scrounging," "scrounger," "to go on the scrounge," are expressions in constant use.

"To scrounge" means to find, as a gypsy finds a stray chicken—to find and forthwith appropriate. But he not alarmed, gentle moralist, "to scrounge" is not "to steal." In France, where the British Army is every thing belongs to the British Army, and to you as a member of it. Therefore, if you find anything and nobody else is using it, otherwise it may be unwise to carry it away, you scrounge it, if you want it, and it is not reckoned against you.

So far is scrounging from stealing that, though Tommy would not vote for the deletion of the eighth Commandment, "Thou shalt not steal," he would add this to the Decalogue as the eleventh word, "Thou shalt scrounge."

If he has caught his hand on his trousers on a nail and torn them, he goes on the scrounge, and finds others. There are few things, from scarves to cooking utensils, but can be scrounged along these battlefields and Tommy soon learns that the man who gets what he wants here is he who has an eye for a hand and has the quality of conscience about laying his hands on it. "Scrounging" is no game, and, perhaps, scroungers like phots are born, not made.

My old friend Major Blenkins was much exercised in his mind by "scrounging."

"Whitewashing," dishonesty, "embezzling" they were terms he applied to it. He feared for the safety of personal property in England. "When these men return home, what will happen? Smith's wife will tell him that there is a hole worn in the bottom of her sateen pants. 'That's all right, my dear,' he'll answer, and by-and-by he'll walk in with a new sateen pants. 'Noblar,' will be safe. The 'scrounger' will go his rounds and pinch one's pyjamas off the clothes line on washing day."

And Blenkins shook his head solemnly at the thought. But environment must tell. A week after this Blenkins may have been seen wandering around some huts out of which a few "scroungers" were moved. He did not seem anxious to enter into conversation, and muttered something about "hurryin' back." But I noticed that he had a bundle under his arm.

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THE COALITION SUCCESS.

There can be no doubt that the results of the General Election will be hailed with general satisfaction by Britishers throughout the Empire. The outstanding feature of the whole election is the overwhelming Coalition success, and the complete rout of the Asquith party, Pacifists, Labourites, women and Bolsheviks. Nothing could give greater satisfaction than the manner in which the whole British electorate has voted solidly for non-party candidates, and the decided way it has turned down the extremists. It is indeed a hopeful sight to see a nation so united together in thought and desire, for it gives great promise for a future which is potent with great possibilities. A significant feature is the extraordinary unanimity of the British electorate. It is pleasing also to notice the ignominious defeat of the Pacifists: the nation as a whole has energetically and wholeheartedly taken its stand by those who supported the war, and will have no truck with those who have played the German game.

At last we have a solid and united constitutional body which is truly representative of the entire British people, and at no time before in the country's history was such a body more urgently required. We are at the threshold of a new era in British politics, for to a great extent we have weeded out the old party canker, with which political unity and advancement was impossible. And we are also on the threshold of a new era in national and imperial affairs: the Coalitionists have a great opportunity to accomplish big things, for they are faced with vast and all-absorbing problems awaiting solution. Only a great and united constitution is in a position to deal with the colossal questions arising from the peace settlement, and it can be said that this constitution has been obtained. There have been some who feared the spread of Bolshevism in the United Kingdom, but the election results have decisively dispelled their fears. As President Poincaré says: "Bolshevism is a microbe which attacks defeated not victorious countries."

The absolute sanity of the British nation has never been more conclusively demonstrated, than by the way it has voted for that party which has proved its sincerity by its conduct during the war. If the Coalitionists turn their energies to as good purpose in peace as they did in war, we shall have nothing to fear in the future. Much will be demanded from them, for much is required: as the newspapers at home point out, the country has won the war, and now means to win peace. Not only must stern justice be imposed on our enemies, but the Government must carry out at once a vast programme of social, industrial and economic reform. The great demands of Labour must not be forgotten, and the Coalition, which Labour has largely supported, must build up a policy which will be agreeable to this party, and which will study its likes and dislikes. It is an enormous task which faces the Coalitionists, but it is good to know, that, supported as they are by the whole nation, and with an overwhelming majority in the House of Commons, they are the only body which is in a position to see it through to a successful end.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

UNITY IS STRENGTH.

It must be most gratifying to all who wish the fullest benefits to be secured from the coming Peace Conference to learn that the discussions between President Wilson and British statesmen have proved most satisfactory to both sides. The wires tell us that the discussions covered a very wide field, including the famous fourteen points elaborated by President Wilson as the basis of the Entente requirements, and that "there was no serious difference of opinion." That is very much to the good, for fears had been expressed in some quarters that when it came to the arrangement of details it might be found that America would be somewhat out of tune with the other Allies in regard to many of the larger issues involved. We have to bear in mind in this connection that the United States has in the past kept severely aloof from European politics and has for that reason taken a decidedly disinterested attitude towards the problems which have had special concern for European nations. In regard to foreign affairs America has ever held somewhat idealistic conceptions, but in that fact, coupled with the harmony revealed in the recent Anglo-American discussions in London, lies the best proof that neither Britain nor any other of the Allies wish to take up any unreasonable stand or to make selfish demands. With the United States and the other Entente Powers in line, it should be a relatively easy matter to arrange peace terms which will satisfy all and at the same time safeguard civilisation for the future.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM.

We see that the Chinese Chamber of Commerce has been considering the question of constitutional reform as a consequence of the decision of other sections of the community to hold a public meeting on the subject. The submission put forward is that if the Unofficial representatives on the Legislative Council are to be increased from six to eight, another Chinese member should also be appointed. That appears to be a logical attitude, and we do not see that it can be quarrelled with. But surely this is a matter in which the Chinese community ought to make its own representations. We do not quite follow Mr. Lau Chu-pak when he says that the forthcoming meeting will not be a "public" one, and we have certainly never heard that any Chinese attending it would be likely to be excluded. The point is that this meeting has been arranged by the Constitutional Reform Association, which puts forward a scheme for altering the constitution of the Council. That scheme may or may not be approved, but whether it is or not, there is no reason that we know of why the Chinese community, commercial and otherwise, should not hold its own meeting and make what representations it deems necessary. Because others have taken the lead, that is no reason why the Chinese should not follow it. We sympathise with their desire for larger representation and we hope they may secure it, but we do not see that they have any "kick" against those who have arranged the forthcoming public gathering.

OUR RICKSHA COOLIES.

We have many times had occasion to say some rather harsh things about ricksha coolies in general, and they have fully deserved the observations. But that fact does not blind us to the most congenial in the world. They have hardships, we do not doubt, and they come in for a fair share of grumbling and occasionally a few kicks. They are a community to themselves and no one seems to take any particular interest in their well-being. In Shanghai, we see, a collection to provide this class of people with Christmas fare realised well over two thousand dollars. We wonder what the response in Hongkong would be to a similar appeal? In the Northern Settlement, we believe there is a body of people who interest themselves in the well-being of these coolies. In Hongkong, no one appears to give them a thought. Is it that we are less sympathetic than our Shanghai friends? After all, in summer, especially, we should care badly but for these poor creatures, whose lot at the best is not a happy one. Why not, once in the course of a year, bring some little joy into their lives? Will anyone take the lead?

DAY BY DAY.

BASE ENVY WITHERS AT ANOTHER'S JOY AND HATES THAT EXCELLENCE IT CANNOT REACH.

To-morrow is the third anniversary of the destruction of two Turkish Army Corps in the Caucasus by the Russians.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 3s. 4.7 10d.

The Dutch Consul General informs us that the Netherlands Indian Government has declared Hongkong an infected port on account of plague.

The next monthly whist drive of the Royal Naval Quadrille Club will be held on Thursday, 9th January, at the Royal Naval Canton Theatre, at 8.15 p.m.

Letters from Kirkee, dated the early days of December, indicate that about half the Hongkong men were then leaving by transport. It is rumoured that they were bound for Salonica.

Under the chairmanship of Commodore Gurner, a united service of thanksgiving and prayer is to be held in the Theatre Royal on Sunday at 9 p.m. The Bishop of Victoria and the Rev. J. K. Macdonald will be the speakers.

The Coronet is justifying expectations. Its pictures are clean and free from penny dreadfulness. Another acquisition is "New York," a five-part story which is woven round New York society. The film is well-portrayed and finely acted and is to be screened to-day. It is a Pathe production. There should be full houses at the night and matinee shows.

Few people are aware that the Japanese celebrate the Christian New Year. One Japanese was the worse off yesterday for it, for he was found in Spring Garden Lane—not the Covent Garden of Hongkong—chasing ricksha coolies. The Police eventually chased him into the Police Station. When brought up this morning before Mr. J. R. Wood, our not quite follow Mr. Lau Chu-pak when he says that the forthcoming meeting will not be a "public" one, and we have certainly never heard that any Chinese attending it would be likely to be excluded. The point is that this meeting has been arranged by the Constitutional Reform Association, which puts forward a scheme for altering the constitution of the Council. That scheme may or may not be approved, but whether it is or not, there is no reason that we know of why the Chinese community, commercial and otherwise, should not hold its own meeting and make what representations it deems necessary. Because others have taken the lead, that is no reason why the Chinese should not follow it. We sympathise with their desire for larger representation and we hope they may secure it, but we do not see that they have any "kick" against those who have arranged the forthcoming public gathering.

For a sane, magisterial judgment commend us to this. A marine hawk was charged this morning before Mr. J. R. Wood with being in, unlawful possession of some iron. Mr. Wood said he did not think it fair to charge a marine hawk who had acquired the iron in the course of business, and which was ultimately found to be the iron stolen from aboard a ship. The man had a license, and by virtue of that he could sell second hand iron. Inspector Kent said the man had acted in a perfectly honest manner but he failed to enquire from the seller from where he got it. The hawk was discharged.

"Do you remember the 11th December, 1911, when you went to goal for 12 months?" "Yes." "Did the Government pay your passage back to your native village?" "Yes." "Were you told to stay there for five years?" "Yes." "And you were back here three weeks ago?" "Yes." This little conversation took place this morning between Mr. C. D. Melbourne and a Chinese who was charged with snatching a band from the head of a woman in Queen's Road Central yesterday. A Police Reservist (No. 827) spoke to arresting the thief. "Where do you live?" asked Mr. Melbourne of the defendant. The latter imagined that Mr. Melbourne desired to pay him a visit in his home. Swift came the reply:—"I sleep in the streets. I have no house as yet as I have not been here long?" "Have you any wit?" "Yes." "The people in the streets see me sleep there?" The mandate went out:—"Six months and four hours' stocks in lieu of the last day and 12 strokes of the birch. This is 'embarras de riches'!"

SEVEN-AND-SIXPENNY HILL.

RESULT OF "TELEGRAPH" COMPETITION.

In our pictorial supplement of December 21, we reproduced a photograph of "Seven-and-Sixpenny Hill," which leads to the Military Headquarters, and offered a prize of two St. Andrew Society's War Bond Tickets for the best explanation of the origin of the name. Several competitors entered, and the prize is awarded to:—
Sergt. G. Davis, R.A., of Victoria Barracks.

This competitor's explanation is as follows:—

"In the old days, when the Army was not nearly the sober institution that it now is, the hill in question, which is very steep, was naturally very difficult to negotiate by the men who had been drinking 'not wisely but too well' and it would frequently happen that some unfortunate Tommy would collapse half-way up and find himself unable to make a fresh start. He would be found later on by the Military police who would place him in the Guard Room for the night, to be eventually paraded before his Commanding Officer for punishment. Drunkenness is punished in the Service by C. B. (confinement to barracks) and a fine, the amount of the latter being frequently 7/6. It so happened that a famous old toper, who had numerous convictions against him for drunkenness, which had all been accompanied by the usual 7/6 fine, decided to ask for a transfer to one of the outposts. He duly appeared before his C.O. who expressed great surprise at the man's request, and insisted on hearing the reasons for the application. Said the old soldier: 'Well, Sir, it's like this: I like the Company, I like the officers and I like the men, but what I can't stick is that blasted seven-and-a-tanner hill, and I'd thank you for a transfer.' He did not get his transfer, but the hill got a name by which it has been known ever since."

OTHER EXPLANATIONS.

From the remaining entries we make the following selection:—

A. C. Broadbridge:—"The hill has been known as seven and sixpenny hill by successive generations because a soldier's first fine for being unable to negotiate it correctly, i.e., pass between the sentries stationed there, is 'seven' and a 'tanner.' Seven and sixpence docketed out of the pay of a full private is 'some fine.' A full General goes round the back way. The Hill has had many names, none of them official, many unprintable, but, to my way of thinking, most of them appropriate. At round dozen or so were invented during the early part of the war. 'Twas here one had to climb for the necessary pass to leave the Colony. 'Twas on your first turning to the right I nearly broke my neck. A thoughtful Government had placed a smooth slate slab over the gutterway, leading to the then pass office. The slab is still there but has been camouflaged during the present month. There is now no need for such a trap. The war is over, but the bifurcated badjazzoo who planted that slab at such a cant deserves it for a tombstone. The most interesting persons I have seen negotiating the hill were an American gentleman and his rather bulky wife. They were bound for Macao and needed the requisite pass to leave the Colony. The thoughtful gent had, out of consideration, left his wife in a chair at the foot. Incidentally he had left the two passports in her handbag. It being imperative that they should both be present and a fit person for the local exchequer to benefit to the tune of 7/6. Hence the soldiers have given this hill the name of Seven-and-Sixpenny Hill."

John Gardner, jr.:—"At Home any person found the worse of liquor, or drunk and incapable, is brought before the police court, and fined 7/6 or an alternative. When any person walks up a very steep hill such as that zigzag gait like that of a drunken man. To anyone standing at the foot of the hill they would appear to be in a state of intoxication, and a fit person for the local exchequer to benefit to the tune of 7/6. Hence the soldiers have given this hill the name of Seven-and-Sixpenny Hill."

A Student of St. Joseph's College, who evidently mistook the nature of the competition, thinking that he merely had to identify the hill, sent in the following "explanation":—"I think the former name was Head-quarters, South China Command."

U.S. IMPORTS.

MORE RESTRICTIONS RELAXED.

The American Consul General has received instructions from Washington to the effect that the following commodities have been removed from the list of restricted imports of the United States:—
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The Police Reserve will shortly issue invitations for another Fancy Dress (Calico) Ball, to take place on Friday evening, February 7th, 1919. This will be in connection with the anniversary of the formation of the Force.

A beautiful silver prize has been presented by Gander, Price and Co., for the second prize in the Palace Hotel Billiards Handicap and is now on view in the hotel. One more game must take place before the semi-final. This is between Capt. Green and Mr. I. Goodman on Friday, 3rd inst., at 9 p.m. As both men are 250 behind scratch, a good game ought to result. On Saturday, the semi-final between Mr. J. Gibson (owes 250) and Mr. Mousley (owes 30) will be played, commencing at 9 p.m.

ists think about the matter would be hard to say. I did meet one funny fellow coming down. The temperature was 87 degrees. Says he, 'Hello old sport! Can I help you to get your second breath?'

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TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Will the war have any marked effect upon men's clothes? On the whole, I doubt it, says a correspondent to a Home paper. All soldiers seem very well content to get back into "civvies." There will be few tears, I imagine, for the puttees or field boots and none for the Sam Browne. One hitherto established abomination, however, is unquestionably doomed. That is the stiff, starched collar. The hard hat, too, will have a precarious existence—it is too reminiscent of the shrapnel helmet. Generally speaking, we shall be a neater, cleaner generation, for the eye of the sergeant-major will not speedily be forgotten. And perhaps after four years some moustaches may surrender unconditionally.

The House of Zechingen, which reigns over Baden, has a long history behind it. An ancestor early in the eleventh century was a count of the Empire. The luck of the family really began in the first decade of the last century, when the bishopric of Constance, part of Rhenish Bavaria, and much other territory was added to the paternal possession. By judiciously taking part with the winning side in all troublesome times before of Waterloo the Grand Duke was able to keep his lands. The present Grand Duke, Prince Max belong to the Habsburg branch of the family, which, though descended from a morganatic marriage, was declared capable of succeeding to the throne.

Has the war beautified or disfigured the merchant ship of the nations? Ships of the Allies are either camouflaged or painted grey, and are armed—no beauty about all this. It is when we see the neutral steamers that we really get something of the colours of war. With a worthy dignity, these vessels flaunt their national colours on hull and stern. The iron ore ship from Bilbao has red and gold bars painted on her side, while the timber craft from Drammen or other Norwegian ports bears a large red patch down her hull, on which there stands a deep blue cross. Greece has her blue and white stripes, and Denmark her red with white cross. Sweden boasts a golden cross on a marine-blue background, and Holland bars of red, white, and blue respectively. It does not seem so long ago, either, when the trim American merchantman blazoned her identity to the seven seas by means of a mighty "star-spangled banner" on her hull.

To realise some of the problems which the head of the Dual Monarchy has to face, cast your eye over an Austro-Hungarian bank-note. Such is the advice proffered by an ardent fighter in the cause of Pan-Slavism. "An Austro-Hungarian bank-note," says Mr. Syetozar Tonjoroff, "constitutes an interesting historical document. It presents in the characters on its two sides, a multiplicity of languages, reflecting the diversity of races that dwell under the double eagle of the Hapsburgs. It also suggests the broad difference between the Austrian Empire and the Kingdom of Hungary in their methods of dealing with the problem of race. On one side—the Austrian side—the value is designated in eight languages: Czech, German, Polish, and Latin characters. Poles, Ruthenians, Slovenians, Rumanians, and Italians, representing the principal races within the boundaries of Austria. On the other side only the Magyar exchequer to benefit to the tune of 7/6. Hence the soldiers have given this hill the name of Seven-and-Sixpenny Hill."

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MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

[BY "ENHARMONIC"]

There have been expressions of opinion in the Home Press, at least, upon the question as to whether the compositions of German musicians should be anything else than a taboo. It is a somewhat difficult point to decide and also, I suppose, largely a matter of opinion. For my own part, when I call to mind the old days at Queen's Hall, especially the Monday night Wagner programmes, I am very much tempted to answer the query in the negative. On the other hand, patriotism, and other emotions, strongly prompt the affirmative. One of the most reasonable solutions is, I think, that "out of evil cometh good". We should value the compositions of the German masters (none can deny them the title) for the work's sake, not by reason of the men who wrote the music. After all said and done, even a villain may be gifted, but because he is a villain, that is no argument why the results of such gifts should not be enjoyed by others.

Landou Ronald organised a concert at Queen's Hall, recently, the outstanding feature being that the programme consisted entirely of humorous music. Two of the items on the programme were a "toy" symphony and a classic selection played by the Royal Albert Hall Orchestra. In the former, Elgar, Mackenzie, Bridge, Henry Wood, Edward German, Cowen, Allan, Ada Crossley, Muriel Foster, Mark Hambourg, Moschevitch and many other well-known professionals took part. In the latter, Mr. George Robey held the conductor's baton.

A recent addition to the ranks of local musicians is that of a fine vocalist in the person of Mr. Anderson, the Consul for Peru. Mr. Anderson is the fortunate possessor of a very powerful high baritone (which has been erroneously described as a light baritone) and has, so far, appeared twice in public in Hongkong, and with signal success. He received his training in San Francisco under a pupil of the famous Jean de Reszke—Esther Munnell, a member of the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York. Mr. Anderson has appeared many times in San Francisco at public concerts, and private functions, and is best in Spanish, French and Italian songs, but he also sings in English with ability. He will be a valuable acquisition to the local musical organisations (if and when they emerge from their state of hybernation).

I wonder who is the "genius" living somewhere on the middle level of the Peak district, who beguiles away about an hour every evening playing on a piano hymn tunes with one hand and an imitation of Indian tom-tom with the other. If the

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During the months of November and December the women of the American Red Cross at Canton shipped 17 cases Red Cross supplies to Siberia via Shanghai. The contents were as follows:—5 cases of refugee garments (not valued), 115 suits pyjamas, 290 bed-jackets, 28 wristlets, 20 sweaters, 24 mufflers, 112 pairs socks, 20 pairs bed socks, 1,375 bandages, 120 pillow cases, 80 operating caps, 50 operating gowns, 270 operating leggings, 100 bedspreads, 104 sheets, 40 surgical caps, 100 tray-cloths, 155 jug covers, 100 wooden trays, 70 petticoats, 5 hot water bags, 390 property bags, 560 napkins, 155 dish towels, 100 bath towels, 200 hand towels, 23 mops, 10 floor cloths; total, 4,916 pieces valued at \$2,350 Hongkong currency.

musician (sic) happens to read this column, I trust the hint will be taken and the concerto started earlier.

Madame Zaleska and M. Kirilow "made good" on Saturday last at Kingsclere, and no doubt all music lovers are eagerly waiting for January 8, when these talented artists are again to appear, at the Theatre Royal. I am glad to learn that a really decent instrument will be forthcoming for the pianist. I have in mind the manner in which M. Kirilow was handicapped at his last performance. At my first attendance at a musical function in this Colony (not so very long ago) I was astounded to find that Hongkong could not put up a full concert grand. I imagine that a "solo" piano should be one of the standing appurtenances to the City Hall. However, Professor Danenberg has come forward on this occasion by loaning his Steinway grand, and true music-lovers are much indebted to him for the kindly act.

Richard Wagner, before he became a successful composer of operatic music, had tried his hand at play writing. His efforts in tragedy do not appear to have been very successful. A critic of his time writes that in one of his plays, Wagner killed off all his characters in the first act and had to continue the remainder of his "book" with their ghosts. That goes to show that all great musicians were not necessarily boy prodigies. By the same token, in the case of the late Sir Hubert Parry, although he took his "Mus. Bac." at the age of eighteen years, it was not until he was 25 that he adopted music as a profession. He was for some time in business life but his musical genius asserted itself and he finally gave up the office for the profession which he so successfully followed.

SHAMBEEN NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shameen, December 31.
There was quite a sensation this evening between seven and eight o'clock, the gates at the British bridge being ordered to be closed. Numbers of police whistles told of something quite out of the ordinary happening. Two American sailors, having been visiting a Chinese tea-house in the city, came away refusing to pay cash for the meals etc. they had consumed. They were followed by the tea-house keeper and several of his folk for payment, collecting quite a mob of curious Chinese, who followed in procession to the British bridge leading to the Shameen. The sailors entered the gates and although the police guard on the bridge were alive to their duty, two or three Chinese managed to get through and gave chase to the sailors on the Shameen. They were followed to the English jetty on the south bank of the Shameen, quite an animated conversation being kept up. Eventually, from all reports, the American sailors refused to pay anything and, calling a sampan usually kept for the use of men coming to and from their ship, forthwith dumped the Chinese into the river, boarding the sampan without apparently troubling to see what had happened to the man. Fortunately he could swim and made for the steps, only to be arrested by the police on duty. This man, together with two other Chinese, was brought to the Police Station on Shameen for investigation. The American Consul-General was immediately communicated with. Results of a serious nature may be pending. It is reported that a few years ago a similar incident occurred, a Chinese being thrown over the British bridge by some American sailors, head foremost, and sticking in the mud, being drowned. Feeling ran exceedingly high, resulting in a boycott for some considerable time.

Shameen, January 1.
Last evening the British bachelors gave a ball to the residents of Shameen at the Club Theatre. The hall was full, and the dancing, consisting of One Steps, Fox Tots and some of the good old set dances, was undoubtedly enjoyed to the full by all present. Mr. C. H. Shields ably filled the post of M.C. and in a few words during the evening expressed the warm feelings of the Bachelors in again inviting the dwellers on Shameen to the Theatre, thus keeping up an ancient custom of some years standing to see the Old Year out and the New Year in. Refreshments were served during the evening, the Bachelors having a very jolly time attending to the needs of their guests.

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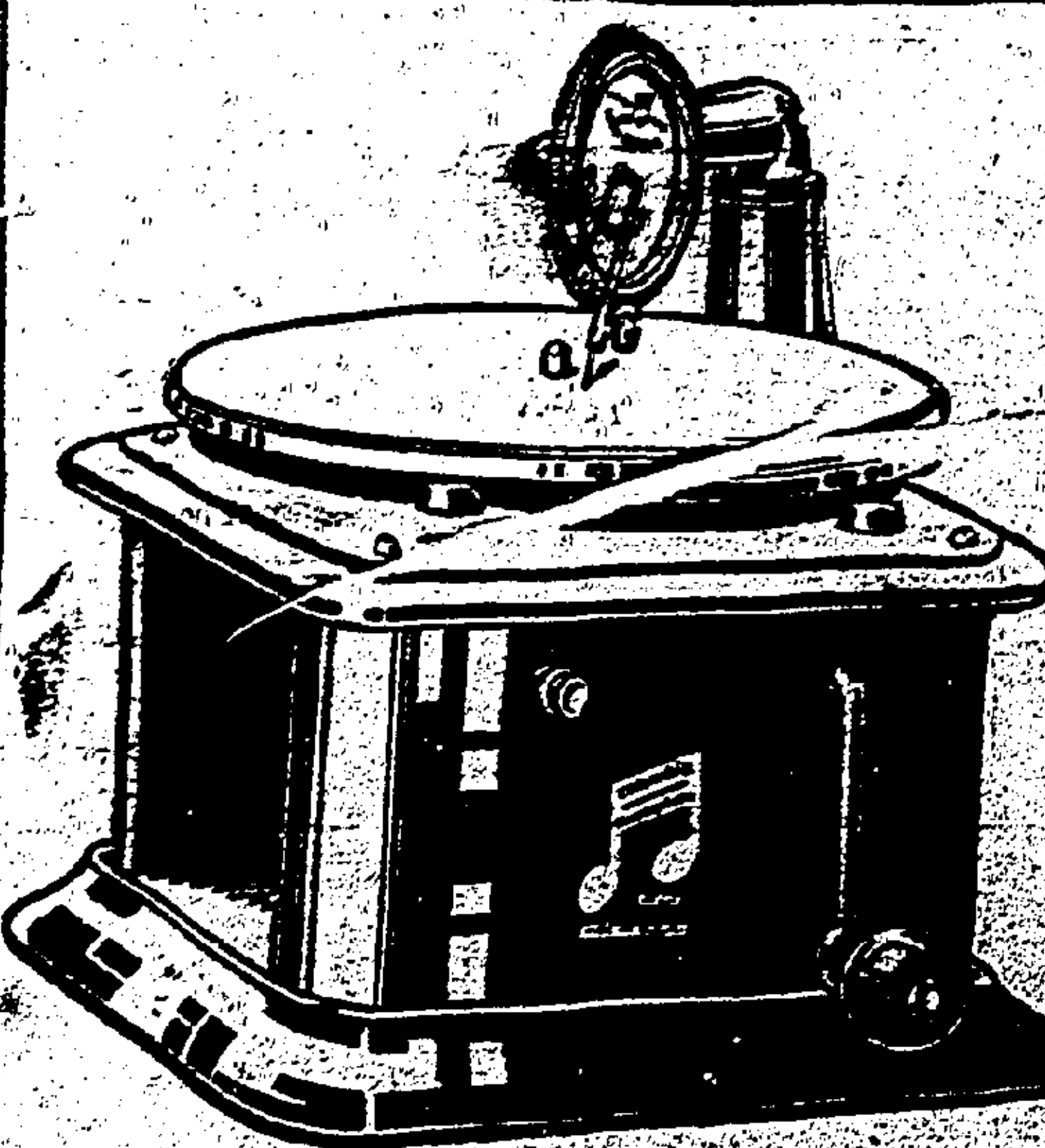
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JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA.

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August 10th, is the latest addition
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and cargo boat. She was built
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NORWAY'S TONNAGE LOSSES.
Norway's mercantile marine
during September was increased
by 13 ships, but the tonnage was
reduced by 9,685. At the end of
September the mercantile marine
numbered 3,366 ships, with a ton-
nage of 1,872,031. The State
Insurance Department reports
that the total number of sailors
killed by acts of war is 1,008.
Reuter.

DEPRECIATION ALLOWANCE.

The London correspondent of
the *Journal of Commerce* writes:
"Owners of oil tank steamers
have for some time been dissatis-
fied with the depreciation allow-
ance made by the authorities. It
must be apparent that during the
war vessels are subjected to
greater usage than would be the
case in normal times. The
speeding-up of vessels has
resulted in considerably enhanced
ratio of depreciation. The
Inland Revenue authorities
have now recognised this claim,
and for the period of the war will
allow upon oil tank steamers
which receive 5 per cent. an
additional 2½, thus making the
total allowance for depreciation
7½ per cent. Tank vessels
carrying iron ores are also
subject to heavy deprecia-
tion, and probably applica-
tion will be made for an
additional allowance. Owners of
sailing vessels which receive 3
per cent. have in cases been
allowed an additional 1½ per
cent., making 4½ per cent. de-
preciation. I understand that
there are other claims before the
Inland Revenue authorities.

SHIPBUILDING IN AUSTRALIA.

The Acting Minister for the
Navy has reported to the Cabinet
that satisfactory progress is being
made in all the shipbuilding
yards. The deliveries of steel
plates from America are still
unsatisfactory, though up to the
present 353 tons have been
delivered at Williamstown
(Victoria) and 490 tons at Walsh
Island (New South Wales).
Plans for vessels, designed for
plates, which can now be turned
out by the Broken Hill Proprietary,
have been prepared, and the
company has already supplied 42
tons of plates for Williamstown
and 63 tons for Walsh Island.
The Minister is satisfied with the
work so far accomplished, and
hopes it will be accelerated in the
near future.

POOLING ALLIED SHIPPING.

The decision reached on various
questions relating to tonnage and
supply by the Allied Maritime
Transport Council at its meeting
recently held in London is given in
a statement by Lord Roskill
(says the *N. Y. Morning Register*)
of Oct. 9, has apparently changed
the shipping outlook. The im-
portance of the importance of the
statement in English shipping
circles found expression in the
shipping shares. The latter of
Chairman of the Shipping
Board of the London Times has
undoubtedly had its influence in
allaying fears after the war
the United States would use
great, merchant fleet to gain
unfair advantage over any of its
Allies in overseas trading. "It
is undeniably," says Mr. Hurley,
"that a nation fighting shoulder
to shoulder with other dem-
ocracies should, after the war,
turn its resources against them,
for trade conquest of the very
kind which were largely instru-
mental in bringing on the
war." "Our ships will be
operated after the war upon the
principles which recognise human
and national rights and equities."

STEAMER CHARTERED.

A message from Seoul says that
the Chosen Yusen Kaisha has
now arranged to charter the
Taisho Maru (900 tons) from the
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in order to facilitate
transportation between North
Chosen and Kobe and Osaka.
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fixed at 230 to 240 yen, per koku
of cereals, between Chongjin and
Kobe or Osaka.

JAPAN'S TRAWLING FLEET.

Japan's trawling fleet, before
the war, numbered 140, but the
present number is only 67. Plans
are now being made for building
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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

FIGHTING IN RUSSIA.

RUSSIANS PRESSED BACK.

London, December 31.

A Russian wireless message states: In the Pechora and Mezen regions we continued to advance, capturing several villages, after fierce fighting. In the Reval region the enemy landed 500 men and 4 guns. In the direction of Riga we captured 20 guns. On the southern front strong enemy forces pressed us back to Grenevsk.

WIDESPREAD OPERATIONS.

London, December 31.

A Russian wireless message describes widespread operations in which the Ukrainian Soviet Army is engaged in the neighbourhoods of Kharkoff, Ekaterinoslav and Minsk. This shows that the complete German evacuation of Vilna is expected on January 5. Chaos and anarchy reign at Brestlitovsk, where the fortress has been dismantled.

WILHELM IN DELIRIUM TREMENS.

HOST DISPLEASED WITH GUEST.

Amsterdam, December 30.

The *Nieuws Van Day* states that Count Bentinck would not be displeased if the Kaiser departed. It is considered probable that the ex-Kaiser will leave for another estate and live on it. He is suffering from nervousness, making conversation difficult.

NEW GERMAN CABINET APPOINTMENTS.

Copenhagen, December 30.

The new German Cabinet has appointed Herr Scheidemann Controller of Foreign Affairs, Herr Noske, of Military Affairs; and Herr Wissel, of Social Affairs.

PARTY PAPER VIEWS ON ELECTION RESULTS.

VERDICT NOT GENUINE.

London, December 30.

The *Manchester Guardian* says the Election illustrates one of the dangers inherent in a Democratic Government, namely, the ability of the Party in power by seizing a moment of popular excitement and confusion to secure a verdict, which is not genuine. It alleges that the Premier exploited a strong popular feeling regarding the punishment of Germany. However, the paper believes that Mr. Lloyd George is better, and will do greater things than his speeches have presaged as regards the Irish problem. It expresses the opinion that only some supreme act of statesmanship will solve it. The paper incidentally mentions that reports from all parts of the country show that women voted in larger proportions than men.

AN EARLY REACTION PREDICTED.

London, December 30.

The *Westminster Gazette*, after saying that the old British system is in ruins, remarks that the Coalition did not obtain votes more than a third of the Electorate. Nevertheless, it secured a 5 to 2 majority. The paper expects an early reaction and says that Liberalism must face the fact that the working class vote moves steadily towards the Labour Party and must endeavour to find its place in a united democratic and progressive movement and thus prevent class schism which will follow if the middle classes huddle together in a centre party and the working class stream into the Labour movement, isolated from the non-labouring part of the community.

"THE FREEDOM OF THE SEAS."

M. CLEMENCEAU RECALLS CONVERSATION WITH L. GEORGE.

Paris, December 30.

In the Chamber M. Clemenceau incidentally alluded to the question of the Freedom of the Seas, mentioning a conversation that he had with President Wilson on the matter. President Wilson said: "I will try to convince you, but perhaps you will convince me." M. Clemenceau replied to President Wilson's question by repeating a conversation with Mr. Lloyd George, who had asked if M. Clemenceau thought it possible to re-commence the war without the British Fleet. M. Clemenceau replied "No." Mr. Lloyd George added: "Will you place me in a position to re-commence it?" M. Clemenceau replied: "Yes." M. Clemenceau added "President Wilson approved of my reply and we left satisfied."

THE ALLIES AND RUSSIA.

FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER SPEAKS OUT.

London, December 30.

In the Chamber, M. Pichon said: "We have gone to Archangel and Siberia and cleared the Trans-Siberian Railway in order to preserve for ourselves the potential means of intervening the moment intervention may be necessary, in a country where our nationals may be in danger—(Loud applause). We have landed troops at Odessa and Batum only until the Rumanian Armies shall be reconstituted. The Allies, aim at preserving a healthy portion of Russia against Bolshevism, but the strictest orders have been given the military chiefs that the efforts necessary to crush Bolshevism must be made by Russian forces. There is not a single man arriving from Russia, not even the most out-of-the-way Socialist, who has not warned me against the Bolshevik Government and urged me to isolate this scourge against peace, allowing the Russians to continue to exist in a state of civil war. With the present hateful and abominable Government there will not be any peace of justice. We should be constantly threatened with a resumption of hostilities."

FRENCH TROOPS LAND AT ODESSA.

In the Chamber Clemenceau stated that the French had landed at Odessa without fighting.

FUNERALS OF VICTIMS OF BERLIN FIGHTING.

MOBS AND SAILORS DEMONSTRATE.

Copenhagen, Dec. 30.

There were huge demonstrations by Independents, members of the Spartacus group and sailors at Berlin on Sunday on the occasion of the funeral of the victims of the recent fighting. Rain fell and there were no disorders.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

RUSSIAN CAPTURES NEAR VLADIVOSTOCK.

VERY LARGE BOOTY TAKEN.

Paris, December 28.

A message from Vladivostock says the Russian troops when they captured Perm took 18,000 prisoners, 60 guns, 4,000 wagons and numerous machine-guns, rifles and munitions.

ENCOUNTERS BETWEEN GERMANS AND ESTHONIANS.

Stockholm, December 28.

An Estonian communique dated the 26th states: The Estonian troops are retreating. The enemy has large forces on a wide front. German troops are retreating from Dorpat and are advancing to Riga along the coast and plundering, thus causing encounters between the German and Estonian troops.

BRITISH DESTROYER AND CRUISER AT RIGA.

Amsterdam, December 28.

A message from Berlin says a British cruiser and destroyer have been at Riga since the 17th. Admiral Sinclair is in touch with the Provisional Lett Government.

FRENCH WAR LOAN.

Paris, December 30.

The Minister of Finance in the Chamber of Deputies gave the result of the French War Loan of £1,200,000,000 nominal capital as £860,000,000 effective capital.—*Haras*.

A POLISH REPUBLIC.

PADEREWSKI AS PRESIDENT.

Copenhagen, December 29.

A message from Berlin says the Poles are about to proclaim a Republic under the Presidency of the pianist Paderewski who was triumphantly welcomed on reaching Posen from Dantzig.

BOLSHEVIKS ADVANCING TOWARDS PRUSSIA.

AN ARMY OF SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND.

Copenhagen, December 29.

A message from Riga says the Bolsheviks are victoriously advancing towards Mitau. Prisoners state that the Army numbers 600,000 and that the final aim is to advance through Mitau and Tauraggen into Prussia.

THE NEW FRENCH LOAN.

Paris, December 29.

The Finance Minister, M. Klotz, has announced that the new Loan exceeded 30 milliards of francs, of which 21½ were already paid.

ITALY'S WAR CASUALTIES.

THE OFFICIAL FIGURES.

Paris, December 31.

It is officially announced that the Italian losses on all fronts are: Dead, 460,000, including 16,362 officers. Wounded, 947,000, including 33,347 officers. The number totally or partially disabled is estimated at over half a million.

PRESIDENT WILSON.

WHAT THE FRENCH PREMIER THINKS OF HIM.

Paris, December 30.

In the Chamber, when the vote was taken and the sitting had lasted for twenty-four hours, M. Clemenceau said President Wilson was a man of extremely open mind who inspired respect by the simplicity of his language and the noble candour of his mind. "I should not be telling the truth if I said I am in agreement with him on all points. I have things to think about which do not touch him as they do a man who for four years has seen the Germans in his own country."

AMERICAN NAVAL PROGRAMME.

A WISE MOVE ADVOCATED.

Washington, December 31.

Mr. Daniels appeared before the House of Representatives. Naval Committee and urged the approval of the three years' naval programme with a proviso that whenever a general international agreement is reached for the reduction of armaments, President Wilson be authorised to order a discontinuance of American construction.

OBITUARY.

London, December 28.

The death is announced of Mr. C. A. Bamfylde, member of the Sarawak Advisory Council in England.

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WORKS LEVEL.

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Consumption of water in the City and Hill Districts
in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of Nov.

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KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

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Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and
decimals of gallons during the month of Nov.

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The Government Analyst's reports show that the
water is of excellent quality.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from page 1.)
THE BRITISH ELECTIONS.

WHAT THE PRESS THINKS.

The *Daily Telegraph* says:—The Election is the most complete personal triumph for the Prime Minister in Parliamentary history. The average estimate of the Coalition majority was half the actual result. Pacifism and "defeatism" have received such a lesson as wrong-headed mischief-making never had. One valuable consequence of the overwhelming victory is to silence the talk about a minority Government. Mr. Lloyd George, with unexampled power to carry out the task of peace reconstruction, has a unique opportunity. We are convinced he will make the utmost thereof.

The *Daily Chronicle* says:—The country, never more democratic, more progressive or more patriotic has rallied to Mr. Lloyd George representing patriotic Democracy because it wants big things done. It will go ill with any party or section that stands between him and the execution of the people's mandate. Therefore the fact that the unwieldy majority includes a Unionist majority need not perturb us. The *Morning Post* observes:—The nation has decreed the political banishment of the two parties whom it regarded as unfaithful to the national cause. It has returned by an overwhelming majority a party which best expresses the national love of old British institutions.

The *Daily News* remarks:—It is not the considered judgment of the nation, but a verdict snatched at a moment of extreme emotion on the relatively trivial matters of hargling the Kaiser, punitive indemnities and the expulsion of Germany. Superficially Mr. Lloyd George's personal victory gives party power with an emphasis beyond precedent. Mr. Lloyd George is a prisoner in the hands of the Tory Party.

The *Daily Express* says:—This might almost be called a Bonar Law Election. He has brought the Unionists to almost unparalleled power. The Unionists thoroughly deserved the success, but they must keep their promise to carry out social reconstruction; otherwise, reaction is bound to come.

All the papers regret Mr. Asquith's defeat. It is suggested that he be asked to go to the House of Lords.

CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE PREMIER.

The Premier to-day was the recipient of hundreds of congratulatory telegrams, a procession of telegraph messengers passing without interruption all day between Charing Cross Post Office and 10 Downing Street. Contrary to the practice on like occasions in the past, the Premier was only visited by a few of his principal supporters, including the Coalition Whips and Sir Henry Dalziel, but not including any Ministers.

THE NEXT SESSION.

London, December 30.
The new Parliament meets on January 21.

THE DEFEATED CANDIDATES.

London, December 29.
It is understood that the elected Asquithians, also a number of Coalition Liberal Members will be invited to meet the defeated leaders before Parliament meets. It is recalled that Mr. Asquith declared before the election that support of the Government was not inconsistent with Liberal principles.

It is persistently rumoured that the Asquithians may re-unite under Mr. Lloyd George.

Of the 122 defeated candidates who were members of the last House, 59 are Liberals, 29 Nationalists, 14 Labourites, nine each Coalition Unionists and Liberals and six Independents.

FRANCE AND ANNEXATION QUESTION.

HER INCONTESTABLE RIGHTS IN PALESTINE?

Paris, December 30.
M. Pichon has stated in the Chamber of Deputies that France accepts the principle of a League of Nations and is opposed to annexation, but has reserved complete liberty regarding Alsace and Lorraine and the frontier including the Sarre Valley. Germany's forces must be so reduced that she could never again trouble the peace of the world. Concerning Armenia, Syria, Lebanon and Palestine, England recognised the incontestable rights of France and the difficulties of Morocco would be settled.—*Havas*.

COMING FRENCH GENERAL ELECTION.

Paris, December 30.
M. Clemenceau got an overwhelming majority of 398 votes against 39 votes. The Minister of the Interior stated that a General Election will take place a month after the general demobilisation.—*Havas*.

FRENCH PEACE DEMANDS.

NO ANNEXATIONIST AIMS.

Paris, December 30.
In the Chamber, the Foreign Minister, M. Pichon, said they did not want a policy of annexation but reserved entire liberty concerning the frontiers of Alsace Lorraine. He said Germany was conquered, but not crushed, and must be prevented from finding compensation for her losses in German Austria. M. Pichon declared that the action of the Allies in Russia would be confined to reorganising the Russian forces to enable the latter to effect the economic encirclement of Bolshevism.

M. Franklin Bouillon, President of the Foreign Committee, said the Searming basin must be included in Alsace-Lorraine and no enemy troops or fortresses must remain on the left bank of the Rhine or within twenty-five miles of the right bank of the Rhine.

THE BALANCE OF POWER.

Paris, December 30.
The Chamber, after a debate on foreign policy, passed a vote of confidence in the Government by 416 votes to 7 after a Socialist amendment disapproving the Russian expedition. M. Pichon defended the system called the Balance of Power and said if Britain, America, France and Italy had before the war agreed to say that whoever attacked one of them would be attacking all, the atrocious war would not have occurred. The system of Alliances would be his guiding thought at the Peace Conference.

PRESIDENT WILSON AND IMPERIAL WAR MINISTERS.

AN INFORMAL DINNER AT PREMIER'S RESIDENCE.

London, December 29.
The Prime Minister entertained President Wilson to dinner at 10, Downing Street last evening and to meet the members of the Imperial War Cabinet. There were 39 guests, which included General Smuts and General Botha, Sir Robert Borden, Rt. Hon. W. H. Hughes, Mr. Lloyd, the Newfoundland Minister, the Maharaja of Bikanir, Sir S. P. Sinha, Sir George Foster, Sir Joseph Cook, Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, Admiral Beatty and Admiral Wemyss.

The dinner was purely informal. Mr. Lloyd George was seated at one end of the table with President Wilson on his right and Sir Robert Borden on his left. At the other end sat Mr. Bonar Law with Rt. Hon. W. H. Hughes on one side and General Botha on the other.

THE BURDEN ON BRITISH SHIPPING.

REPARATION OF AMERICAN AND DOMINION TROOPS.

London, December 30.
An official report states that although the repatriation of very large numbers of Dominion troops is throwing a heavy burden on British Shipping, Great Britain is giving all possible assistance for the repatriation of Americans.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM.

THE STRAITS OF JOHORE.

A CAUSEWAY TO BE BUILT.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, December 31.
The Legislative Council has consented to the Federal Government of Malay constructing a causeway with two sets of rails and a 20-foot road across the Johore Straits, the Admiralty approving.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S VISIT.

GOES TO HIS MOTHERS BIRTHPLACE.

London, December 29.
President and Mrs. Wilson visited Carlisle, where the President's grandfather was a Congregational Minister and where his mother was born. They were ceremoniously received and enthusiastically welcomed. The President signed the Burgess Roll as a Freeman. The proceedings were quiet owing to it being a Sunday. President and Mrs. Wilson will proceed to Manchester, where the President will receive the Freedom of the City.
HONoured BY MANCHESTER.

London, December 30.
President Wilson this morning visited the Manchester Ship Canal and then drove through the streets which were lined with cheering crowds, to the Town Hall, where he was given a reception by the leading American residents of the city. The great event of the day followed, namely, the conferring of the Freedom of the City in the historic Free Trade Hall, which was packed with people long before the ceremony. Responding to the conferring of the Freedom of the City, President Wilson emphasised the necessity of an easy and constant method of Conference to settle disputes before they became serious and so to maintain the peace of the world. President Wilson, speaking at a luncheon by the Lord Mayor of Manchester, said: "We must now have unity of purpose; we must continue to advance shoulder to shoulder now that there was no common enemy except distrust and warring of plans. President Wilson was again given a most enthusiastic reception as he drove to the station en route to London."

NEW GERMAN CABINET MEMBERS.

Copenhagen, December 30.

A message from Berlin says the Central Soviet Council has appointed the following as members of the Cabinet to replace the retired Independents:—Herr Noske, Governor of Kiel since the Revolution; Here Loeb, editor of the *Breslauer Volks Wacht*; and Herr Wissel, a member of the Reichstag.

THE MURDER OF THE ROMANOFFS.

TORTURED ALL NIGHT LONG.

Paris, December 30.

In the Chamber, M. Pichon stated that Prince Ioff told him that the Ex-Tsar's family was tortured all night long before being finished. Each member of the family, who were assembled in one room, was placed in a chair, prodded with bayonets and then murdered.

In the room next day was only a pool of blood.

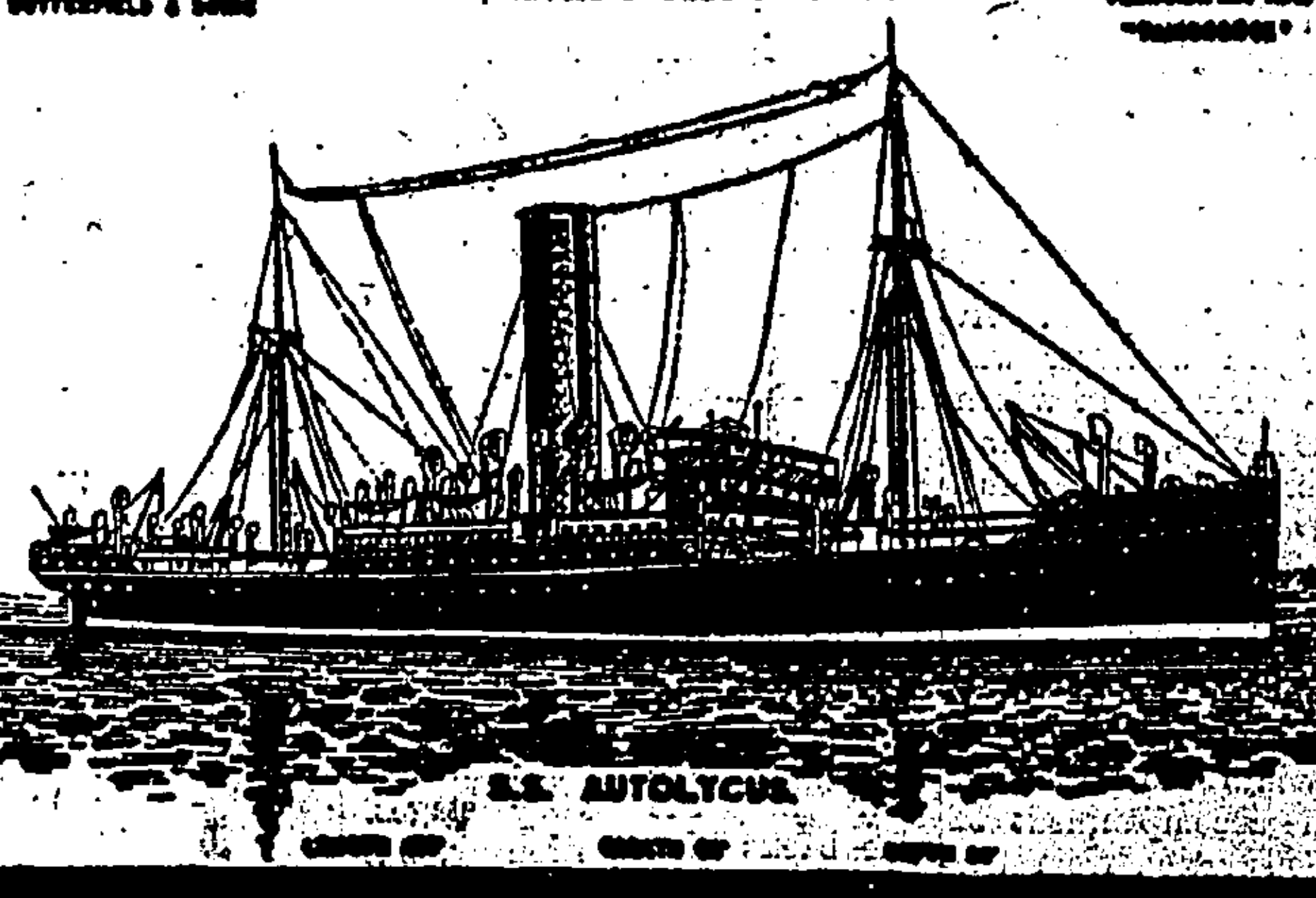
FIGHTING IN POSEN.

GERMANS LOWER ALLIED FLAGS.

Copenhagen, December 30.

A message from Berlin says there has been street fighting in Posen owing to marauding German troops lowering the Allied flags. Violent machine-gunning resulted in the repulse of the Poles.

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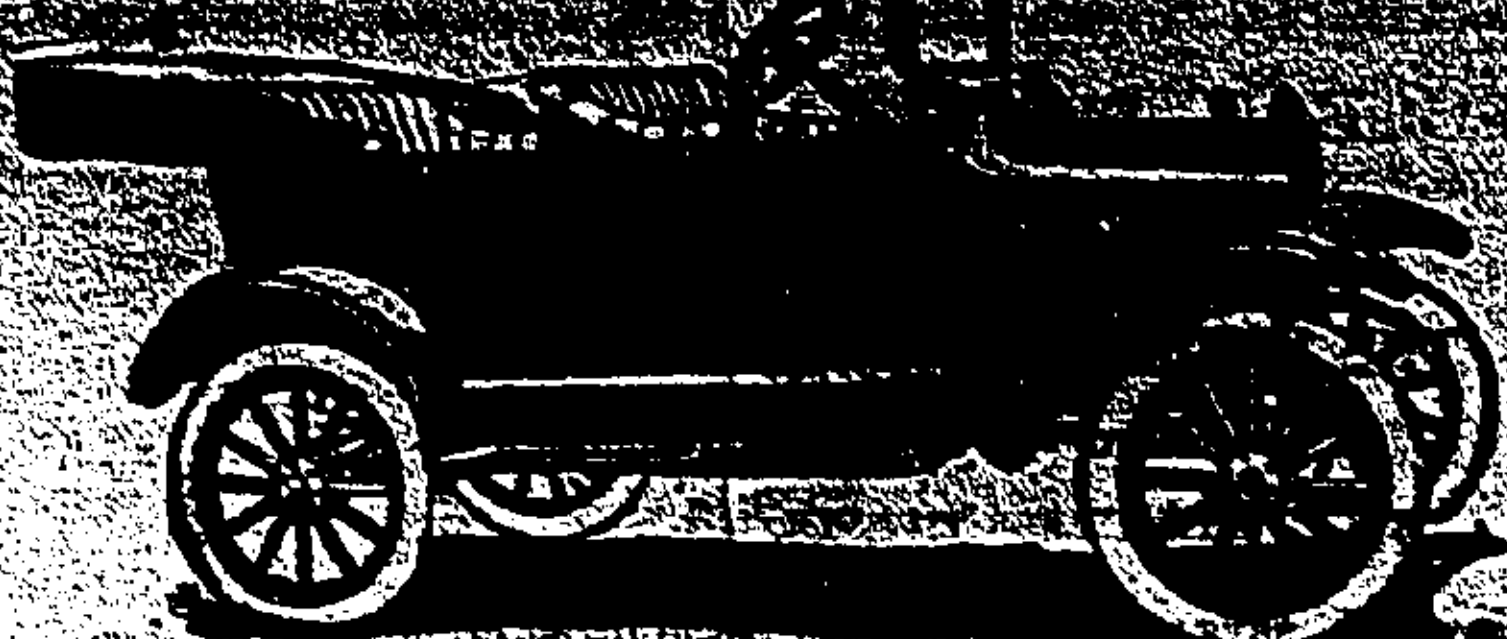
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FOOTBALL

HONGKONG SHIELD MATCH

R.E. 1 goal; Staffs and Depts., 1 goal.

South China Athletic, 3 goals; St. Joseph's College, 0.

There was a fine crowd all round the Club ground when the Engineers and Staffs game started, and considerable interest was evinced in the match as the Clubs were well matched and the Staffs have on previous occasions made a fine showing. The game was supposed to be a draw, but the first half was a very one-sided affair, the Staffs led the Club, who they were drawn against in the first round, by 1 goal to nil, for about three-fourths of the game.

History repeated itself on Wednesday, for the Staffs, playing a fine forcing game, swarmed round their opponents' goal and only very strenuous work on the part of Lawrence and Blomfield kept them from scoring. Heath was often troubled but was safe until Kirby fastened on to a low pass from Street, and scored a fine goal, this lead being retained to the interval. The Engineers made great efforts to wipe off arrears on the resumption and were having a lot of trouble with Russell on the Engineers' left, but the full back was in fine form and saved with clean kicking on numerous occasions. The Engineers were not to be denied, however, and following some very heavy pressure, the ball was sent into the net by one of the Staff-detenders, Gibby having no chance. The sides finished level, necessitating a replay.

The game was vigorously contested in a good spirit and the draw about represents the general run of the play, the defences on both sides being in advance of the attacks. Wain, Schoaler, Sheriff, Knight and Ellarby were very prominent for the Staffs, and the Engineers were well served by Lawrence, Blomfield, Charters, Paskell and Townsend.

Mr. Loach was in charge of the game.

SOUTH CHINA V. ST. JOSEPH'S.

Interest in this match, which followed the military game was intense, and a great crowd was present when the teams lined out, the stand and seats in the enclosure being also packed. Feeling ran very high, and this was evidenced in the play, which, in the first half, was of a very poor standard, miskicks and bad passes being very frequent. At times no regard whatever was paid to the direction in which the ball was kicked, the kicking of the both sets of halves being very wild. During a melee in front of the St. Joseph's goal, Weung, the Chinese centre-forward, kept his head and steered the ball between many legs kicking in all directions, the ball going nicely into the corner of the net to the accompaniment of a great demonstration from the Chinese supporters. The interval arrived with South China leading by 1 goal to nil.

The second half was decidedly refreshing as far as the class of football was concerned, as both sets of forwards treated the spectators to some capital combined bursts, particularly South China and following one of these Au Kit-sang, on the left, sent the ball past Omar with a screw shot, the winger catching the ball first time, there being a great element of luck about the goal. Silva and Hynman, worked hard to turn the tide, but the Chinese, encouraged by their success, came again and made a delightful work by Ko Kin Fui at outside right, sending in the centre-forward getting his head to the ball and besting Omar for the third time. The

REBUILDING OF BELGIUM.

ENGINEERS ALREADY AT OSTEND.

The first step towards reorganising and rebuilding Belgium has been taken. Belgian engineers left England as soon as the evacuation of Ostend was declared, to take charge of the surveying and constructive work in the harbour and town.

The Local Government Board are setting up a joint committee for the repatriation of Belgians, on which Belgian and British representatives will sit. Mr. Basil Peto, M.P., who has been long associated with Belgian refugees, will act as chairman of the British section of the committee.

"We have our plans ready," said a high official of the Belgian Government, to *The Daily News*, recently. "After the engineers have got their work of rebuilding under way, we shall send out builders and contractors, and then leading manufacturers and business men to lay again the foundation of our industries. The bulk of the civilian population will not be sent over to Belgium for some time."

The post between England and Ostend has been established, and letters from Ostend bearing the stamp of the "Poste Militaire Belge" have already been received in London. Belgian postal officials and clerks, who have been working in London, are being sent across to the coast towns to establish telegraphic and postal communication in the evacuated districts.

In Great Britain to-day, there are approximately 150,000 refugees; in France, 500,000; and in Holland, 80,000. The great majority of these will wish to return to their own country. An official of the Belgian Relief Fund said that numbers had already applied to him to ask when they could return. He believed that they would all wish to go back. The British, French, and Dutch Governments have undertaken to repatriate all refugees and provide the necessary transport.

REFITTING HULKS.

It is reported that the China Merchant's S. N. Co. proposes bringing up the hulks from Amoy and Swatow and fitting them with engines and boilers for work on the coast.

game fizzled out after this, South China being deserved winners and coming in for a great ovation from their supporters.

As regards the players, St. Joseph's were disappointing, as they started very erratic and a little steadiness on occasions would have given them a valuable goal in the early stages. The backs kicked strongly, but only the centre-half, who played a really fine game, was up to form. Silva and Hyndman were the pick of a forward line who played without any lack. Chung in goal had more to do than Omar and did it in fine style, while the backs were very reliable. Chan So again played a fine game, completely upsetting Omar's game, whilst of the forwards the right wing, Kwok and Fun, especially the winger, played rare good games. The centre forward, with the only chance he had, did the correct thing, and both his goals were cleverly executed.

South China have now to meet the winners of the next game between Staffs and the Engineers to "decide who shall be in the final." Mr. Wright was in charge of the game.

QUIZ.

NEW YEAR CRICKET.

HONGKONG RESIDENTS V. KOWLOON RESIDENTS.

A two-innings cricket match was played yesterday on the H.K.C.C. ground between the residents of Kowloon and Hongkong. Hongkong, who went in first, batted in excellent style. F. J. de Rome opening the innings with a score of 69. He gave an exhibition of hard hitting, his 69 comprising 9 fours. Capt. Wahl was the next best with 40 (six fours), while Hamilton compiled 33. The ground was very bad and the ball slippery owing to the morning rain which only ceased at 9.30, the match being played at 10.47. If it were not for this drawback, the scores would have been higher. Mr. Rome's 69 was the top score of the day.

Kowloon's play was featureless, if we except James' 28 and Stapleton's 21. With a score of 239 to their credit, the H.K.C.C. could await the result with equanimity. They allowed Kowloon to open the second innings, the score of 91 runs being added in all. R. Pestonji was top-notch in his group, his 27 being welcome. Capt. Gray, J. Wheeler and J. P. Robinson (not out) were the only ones to score double figures, with runs of 12, 16 and 15 respectively.

The Hongkong team won by an innings and 40 runs. Scores:—

HONGKONG—1ST INNINGS.	
F. J. de Rome, b James	69
Capt. Wahl, c Wood, b Gray	40
T. E. Pearce, c Wheeler, b Pestonji	15
D. M. Goodall, b Pestonji	0
M. M. Maas, b Gray	3
R. P. Thurstield, b Gray	19
Sign. Hack, c and b James	28
Payr. Robinson, b James	0
E. Sutton, l.b.w. b Taylor	5
E. W. Hamilton, b James	33
R. E. O. Bird, not out	15
Extras	12
Total	239

BOWLING.	
O. M. R. W.	
H. H. Taylor	14 0 51 1
C. James	17 2 1 33 4
R. Pestonji	13 0 43 2
Capt. Gray	15 0 75 3

KOWLOON—1ST INNINGS.	
A. E. Wood, run out	10
L. J. Blackburn, c Goodall, b Hamilton	4
C. J. Stapleton, c Maas, b Hamilton	21
C. P. James, c Wahl, b Bird	28
Capt. E. H. Gray, c and b Bird	9
H. H. Taylor, l.b.w. b Hamilton	9
F. Wheeler, b Bird	5
J. P. Robinson, c Maas, b Hack	3
A. de Sousa, b Hack	2
R. Pestonji, c Wahl, b Bird	7
E. J. Edwards, not out	2
Extras	2
Total	102

BOWLING.	
O. M. R. W.	
A. E. O. Bird	13 0 55 4
E. W. Hamilton	40 1 38 3
Hack	22 1 7 2
KOWLOON—2ND INNINGS.	
R. Pestonji, b Bird	27
A. de Sousa, b Pearce	0
Capt. E. H. Gray, c Hack, b Pearce	12
E. J. Edwards, run out	3
A. E. Wood, c Maas, b Bird	1
C. P. James, c Maas, b Bird	0
L. J. Blackburn, c and b Bird	0
H. H. Taylor, b Hack	9
C. J. Stapleton, c Pearce, b Bird	8
J. Wheeler, b Bird	16
J. P. Robinson, not out	15
Extras	5
Total	91

CORRESPONDENCE.

The opinions expressed by correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

A BOXING CHALLENGE.

[To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."]

Sir.—In a recent issue of the *Morning Post*, I noticed that a challenge had been issued by a gentleman who termed himself "Kid Parker" and was willing to give away weight to enable a match to be arranged.

In an issue of your paper last week, I saw a paragraph wherein Stoker Neale had signified his intention of accepting the challenge. Since then, nothing has been said in either paper. Can you tell me if this match is likely to take place, and who is likely to promote the fight? Yours etc.

MULTUM IN PARVO.

[We have heard nothing since on the matter. Stoker Neale, in accepting the challenge, stipulated that the fight be under Police Reserve auspices.—Ed. H.K.T.]

The Royal Naval Quadrille Club gave their annual New Year dance on Tuesday at the Naval Theatre and over a hundred dancers availed themselves of the opportunity. Commodore Gurner and Mrs. Gurner graced the Theatre with their presence and dancing was kept up till 2 a.m. A number of Kowloon residents were also present. On the clock striking 12 all formed a big ring and sang "Auld Lang Syne" with gusto. The place was beautifully decorated, the lanterns and the drapings at the entrance giving it an oriental touch. Mr. A. Woodley was M.C. and Messrs. Wiseman's Cafe provided the refreshments. There was a strong gathering of Naval men, and the function was a huge success.

SIGHTLESS BILLIARDS.

Of all the wonders of sport none is more astonishing than that a man, who has lost his sight, should be able to continue to play billiards. Ex-Sergeant Major Shaw, late of the "Princess Patricia's Canadian Regiment, who was blinded in the war, makes his breaks of 10 and 12 in a truly remarkable way. When Shaw first returned to the game after losing his sight he had to feel the balls with his hands to locate their position, but by developing a new billiards sense he is now able to follow their movements on the table, partly by keeping the picture of the situation before the shot is played on his mind, and knowing how the balls will behave when struck, and partly from the sound of the click of the balls. In making sure of the position of the balls Shaw plays ground them with his fingers without touching them, and he says that a growing coldness of the air enables him to "sense" how they are placed. Naturally the long shots give him most difficulty, but he not only strikes his own ball accurately but "sights" the first object ball and connects up with the third or a pocket. From the beginning of a game to the end Shaw has a clear mental picture of the ever-changing position of the balls, and he rarely makes a mistake in his calculation.

BOWLING.	
O. M. R. W.	
Pearce	8 0 27 2
de Rome	3 0 28 0
Bird	7 2 21 6
Hack	4 0 17 1
GRAINGOWER V. KOWLOON.	
The following will represent Graingower in their League match with Kowloon on Saturday at 2 p.m.:—R. Bass (Captain), F. G. Thompson, A. W. Grimmett, L. Lammy, W. Hall, G. A. Goldenberg, G. L. Jones, M. H. Albas, D. R. Johnson, A. Arcalli and A. N. Other.	

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The Rev. J. KIRK MACONACHIE.

NOTICE

The interest and responsibility of Joseph Hadie Bingham in the firm of Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, Hongkong, Shanghai, Singapore and London, ceases from date hereof.

The practice will continue to be carried on with the name and style unchanged.

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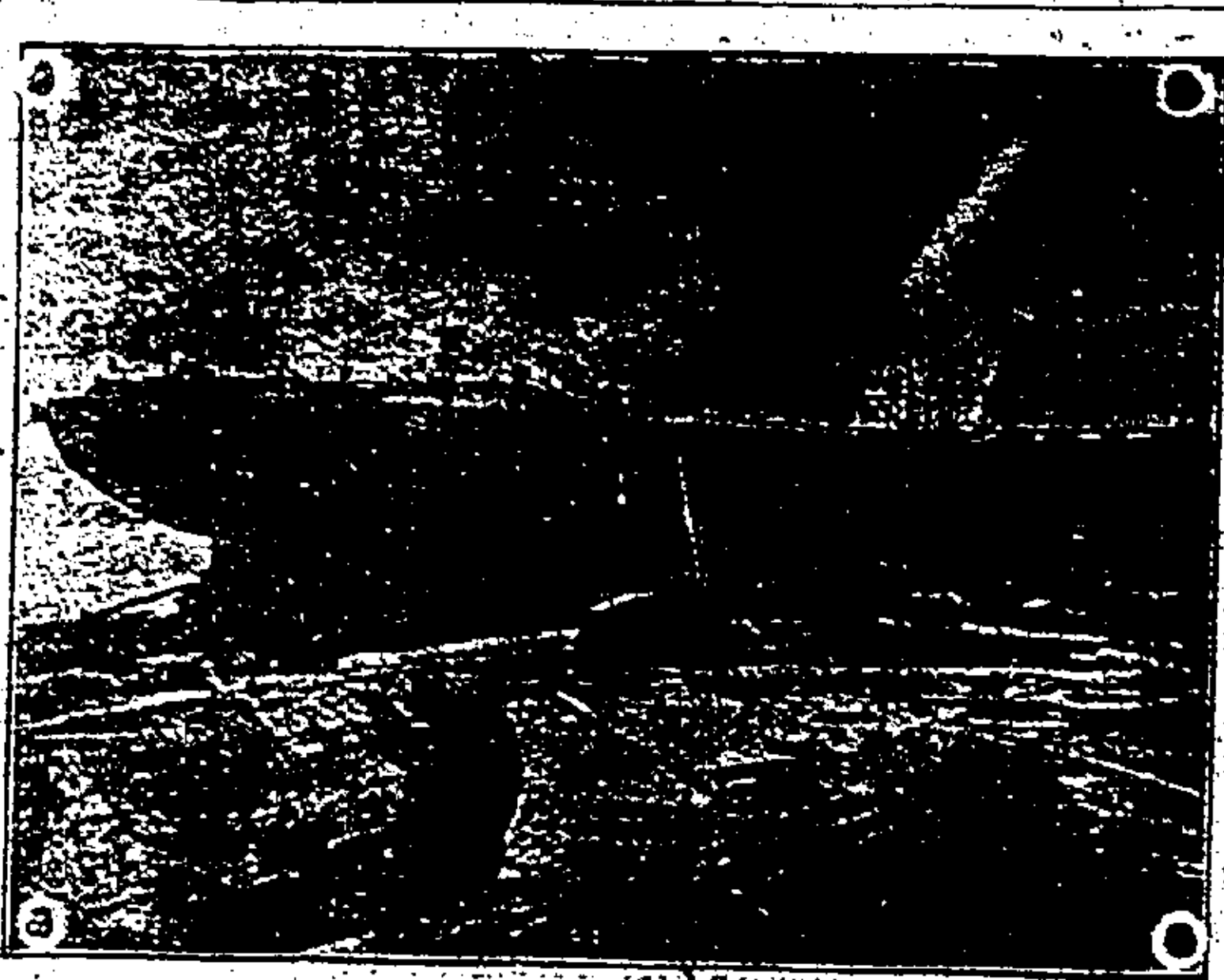
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T/T Singapore	143
T/T Japan	153
T/T India	Nom.
Demand, India	Nom.
T/T San Francisco	73 1/2
co & New York	73 1/2
T/T Java	187 1/2
T/T Marks	Nom.
T/T France	436
Demand, Paris	436 1/2

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4 m/s, L/C	35 1/2
4 m/s, D/P	35 1/2
6 m/s, L/C	36
30 d/s, Sydney and Melbourne	3/5
30 d/s, San Francisco and New York	81 1/2
4 m/s, Marks	Nom.
4 m/s, France	453 1/2
6 m/s, France	458 1/2
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Demand, New York	80
T/T Bombay	Nom.
Demand, Bombay	Nom.
T/T Calcutta	Nom.
Demand, Calcutta	Nom.
Demand, Manila	162
Demand, Singapore	143
On Haiphong	23 1/2 prem
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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

GERMAN SCHEMES.
An officer of the U. S. Army Intelligence Service, testifying before the Senate Committee investigating German propaganda and the connection with it of certain brewery interests, said that the German government on July 10, 1914, informed 150 German civilian employees at a conference in Berlin that the world war would be started soon. These employees then were dispatched to all parts of the world, to stimulate pro-German propaganda. They landed in the United States in August on the same steamer with Dr. Albert, known as a past master of the pro-German propaganda system in the United States.

LONDON DIRECTORY.

Any European, Non-Asiatic or Indian desiring to leave the Colony should apply in person at the Central Police Station between the hours of 9 a.m. & 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Applicants will be required to produce Passports or identification papers. All persons with certain exceptions who remain in the Colony for more than 7 days are required to Register themselves under the REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE 1916. Forms of Registration giving the particulars required may be obtained at the G. P. O. and at all Police Stations. The Penalty for non-compliance is a fine not exceeding \$50.

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UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY LIMITED.
Dated Hongkong 28th Decem-ber 1918.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

THE Committee has decided that the following shall be the settlement days for the year 1919:—

Tuesday	28th January
Thursday	29th February
Friday	28th March
Monday	28th April
Thursday	29th May
Friday	27th June
Tuesday	29th July
Friday	29th August
Monday	29th September
Thursday	28th October
Friday	28th November
Monday	29th December

By Order of the Committee,
E. M. RAYMOND,
Secretary.
HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE
Hongkong, 27th December 1918.

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Hongkong, October 21st, 1918.

NOTICE.

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NIGHT CARS.

8.50 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. 10.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m. 11.00 p.m. to 12.00 p.m.

SATURDAY EXTRA CARS.

12.00 p.m. and 12.00 midnight.

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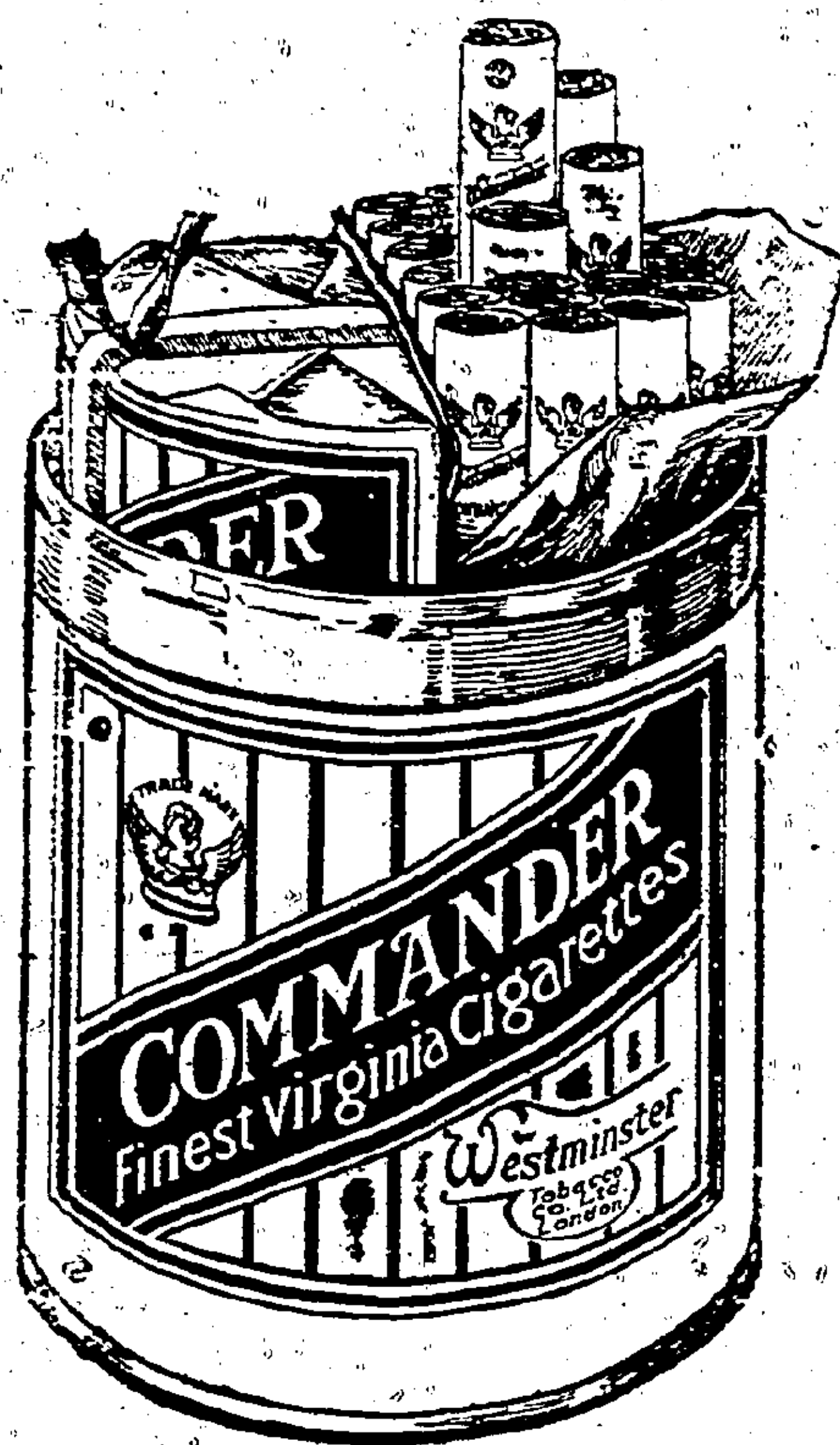
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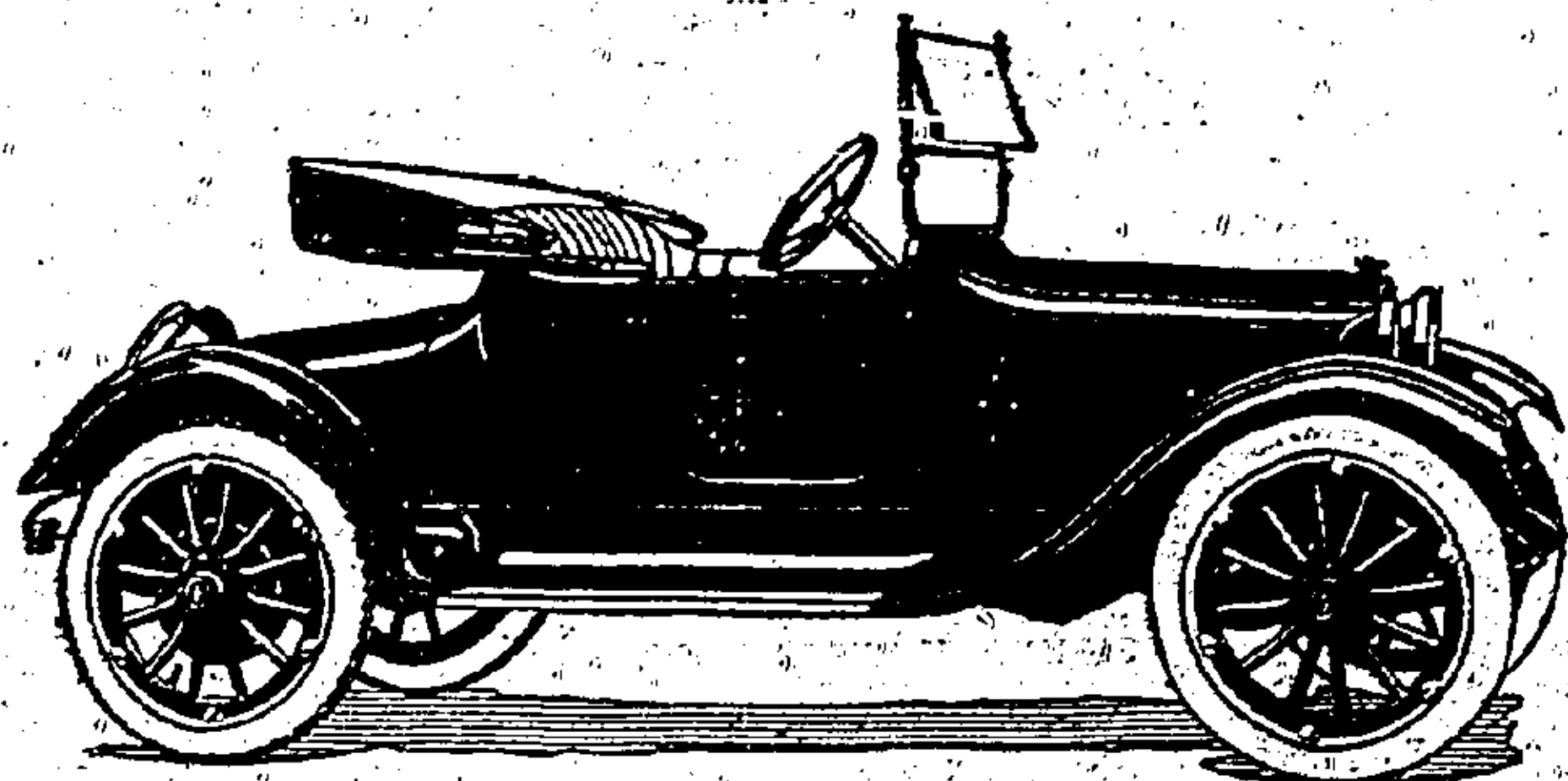
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Sole Importers

A TREAT IN STORE.

A REVUSICAL-COMEDY
COMPANY.

We have just had a visit from
Miss Eileen Dawn, the advance
representative of Mr. Edgar
Warwick's Revusical-Comedy
Company, which is to open a
season at the Theatre Royal on
Saturday, the 11th inst. and will
play for one week. Miss Dawn
is herself a talented artist,
having played for George Ed-
wards and Oscar Hammerstein in
London and also for J.C.
Williamson in Australia. Later
on it is possible that she may be
seen in the ranks of Mr. War-
wick's talented little Company.
Something entirely new in the
way of entertainment is promised
by this body of entertainers, who,
as their name implies, will offer
programmes which are a conglom-
eration of musical comedy and
revue. They come direct to
Hongkong for their opening per-
formance, and bring with them
specially designed new dresses
and scenery. There are six
ladies in the company and five
gentlemen, and the former will
appear in Vanity Fair frocks while
the gentlemen will be attired in
costumes to match. The ladies
are all new-comers to Hongkong.
They are:—Misses Eileen Boyd,
Thelma Lawn, Shirley Cook,
Dorothy May, Madge Griffiths
and Vera Pain. The gentlemen
members of the Company, some
of whom will be recognised as
having been associated with
"The Court Carols," are:—
Messrs. Sidney Mannering,
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and Jean Desormes.
The visit of the Company will
be eagerly awaited, and we have
no doubt that a hearty welcome
will be given this happy band
of entertainers.

ZALESKA-KIRILLOFF CONCERT.

NEXT WEEK'S
PROGRAMME.

A rare musical treat is prom-
ised for the 8th inst., when Mme.
Zaleska and M. Kirilloff give
their concert at the Theatre
Royal. As will be seen below,
the programme is a most
attractive one, and in one
of the items Professor Danen-
berg will be associated
with Mme. Zaleska in a duet
for two pianos. The programme
is as follows:—

- PART I.
- a. Polonaise As-dur
"Resurrection of
Poland" Chopin.
 - b. Nocturne fis-moll
 - c. Prelude g-dur
 - d. Valse ges-dur
 - e. Sonata B-moll
 - f. Allegro, Scherzo, and
March Fugue and finale
 - g. "Victory" Polo-
naise As-dur
 - h. Mme. Zaleska.
 - i. Prologue from
opera "Pagliacci"
 - j. Cavatine Figaro
from opera "Bar-
biere di Sevilla" Rossini.
 - k. Mr. Kirilloff.
- PART II.
1. Variations (Beethoven—Saint
Saens). Duet for Two
Pianos, Mme. Zaleska and
E. Danenberg.
 2. a. Aria from opera
"Tolanta" Tchaikovsky.
b. "Le captif" Ghetchninoff.
c. "I am not a pro-
phet" Rachmaninoff.
d. "God took from
me mine all"
Rachmaninoff.
e. Mr. Kirilloff.
 3. a. Minuet, Padrewski; b.
Campanella (Paganini—
List). Mme. Zaleska.
- A concert grand by Steinway,
kindly lent by Mr. E. Danenberg,
will be used at the concert.

A CALCUTTA VETERAN.

Sergt. Roberts, an Indian
Madrass veteran, who on his 17th
birthday was assisting to dig
victims from the Black Hole of
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years a gunner in the R.F.A. He
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ished the walls of Baroda.

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